

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. So you have a Class VI is a combination of Class Is and...

SENATOR WITHEM: And a high school district.

SENATOR ABOUD: Right. And all of the Class Is within the particular Class VI would have the same levy.

SENATOR WITHEM: That's correct.

SENATOR ABOUD: And that's what your bill does.

SENATOR WITHEM: That's what the amendment would do.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Wickersham followed by Senators Moore, Withem, Jones, Baack and Robinson.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. And I think you had a little notion before we got to this point that I was not going to agree that everything in this proposed amendment should be done. And specifically, of course, I'm concerned about what Senator Withem described as part two. I agree with what he had to say about part one. I do think that perhaps we can find some other mechanism, I hesitate to use the word scheme, for dealing with the in lieu of tax question; but I do not think it can be done this session. I do think that that is an essential part of what was in LB 348. I share some of his concerns that we might not get to LB 348 and be able to address it properly and pass it so that we can deal with the in lieu of tax question. And in fact, as I noted earlier, I have an amendment behind Senator Withem's amendment which would deal solely with the in lieu question, would leave out entirely the more controversial issue of what is generally referred to as the common levy. So at this point I guess what I would really ask you do is reject Senator Withem's motion to return and then later vote for a subsequent motion that I have pending to return to deal exclusively with the in lieu issue and that would be dealt with in the manner proposed by Senator Withem. But a few words about the common levy, and specifically maybe a technical comment about Senator Withem's amendment before we go any further because it relates to the in lieu of tax. If you look at the amendment, it would be on page 8 of the amendment, line 16, you will see language which is struck, the language is